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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 32-37, 41, 45, 51, 52, and 56, without prejudice, and amend claims 38, 42, 43, 46, 53, 54, and 57, without prejudice or disclaimer. A complete listing of the claims of this application follows.

Claims 1-37 cancelled.

Claim 38 (Currently Amended): The grip cover of claim 32, including A vibration absorbing grip cover for a handle of an implement, comprising: a sleeve having an upper end and a lower end, the upper end being open to permit a portion of the handle of the implement to extend therethrough, wherein the sleeve is a multi-layer laminate comprising: an inner layer of elastomeric vibration absorbing material which is free of voids therein; a layer including a fiberglass material and that is disposed on the inner layer, wherein the fiberglass material distributes vibration to facilitate vibration dampening; an outermost elastomeric layer having a pliable outer surface that facilitates a user gripping the sleeve during use of the implement; an outwardly extending peripheral knob portion forms the lower end of the sleeve; and

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a further inner layer made from force dissipating stiffening material.

Claim 39 (Previously Presented): The grip cover of claim 38, wherein the fiberglass material is a layer in open mesh form.

Claim 40 (Previously Presented): The grip cover of claim 38, wherein the outer gripping layer is made of vibration absorbing material.

Claim 41 (Cancelled).

Claim 42 (Currently Amended) The grip cover of claim 32, A vibration absorbing grip cover for a handle of an implement, comprising:

a sleeve having an upper end and a lower end, the upper end being open to permit a portion of the handle of the implement to extend therethrough, wherein the sleeve is a multi-layer laminate comprising:

an inner layer of elastomeric vibration absorbing material which is free of voids therein;

a layer including a fiberglass material and that is disposed on the inner layer, wherein the fiberglass material distributes vibration to facilitate vibration dampening;

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an outermost elastomeric layer having a pliable outer surface that facilitates a user gripping the sleeve during use of the implement, and
an outwardly extending peripheral knob portion forms the lower end of the sleeve, wherein the fiberglass material forms an imperforate sheet that is disposed within the elastomeric layer.

Claim 43 (Currently Amended): The grip cover of claim 32, A vibration absorbing grip cover for a handle of an implement, comprising:
a sleeve having an upper end and a lower end, the upper end being open to permit a portion of the handle of the implement to extend therethrough, wherein the sleeve is a multi-layer laminate comprising:
an inner layer of elastomeric vibration absorbing material which is free of voids therein;
a layer including a fiberglass material and that is disposed on the inner layer, wherein the fiberglass material distributes vibration to facilitate vibration dampening;
an outermost elastomeric layer having a pliable outer surface that facilitates a user gripping the sleeve during use of the implement, and
an outwardly extending peripheral knob portion forms the lower end of the sleeve, wherein the fiberglass material forms a plurality of individual strips that are substantially parallel to each other.

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Claim 44 (Previously Presented) The grip cover of claim 43, wherein the plurality of individual strips are generally equally sized.

Claim 45 (Cancelled).

Claim 46 (Previously Presented): The cover of claim 32 A vibration absorbing grip cover for a handle of an implement, comprising:
a sleeve having an upper end and a lower end, the upper end being open to permit a portion of the handle of the implement to extend therethrough, wherein the sleeve is a multi-layer laminate comprising:

an inner layer of elastomeric vibration absorbing material which is free of voids therein;

a layer including a fiberglass material and that is disposed on the inner layer, wherein the fiberglass material distributes vibration to facilitate vibration dampening;

an outermost elastomeric layer having a pliable outer surface that facilitates a user gripping the sleeve during use of the implement, and

an outwardly extending peripheral knob portion forms the lower end of the sleeve, wherein the fiberglass material forms a plurality of individual strips of different sizes that are substantially parallel to each other.

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Claim 47 (Previously Presented): A vibration absorbing material, comprising:
an inner layer formed by an elastomer that is substantially free of voids
therein;

a layer including a fiberglass material therein and that is disposed on the
inner layer, the fiberglass material comprising a plurality of individual strips of
fiberglass of different sizes, wherein the fiberglass material distributes vibration to
facilitate vibration dampening, the elastomeric layer being substantially free of
voids therein;

an outermost layer that is disposed on the layer including the fiberglass
material, the outermost layer being formed by an elastomer that is substantially
free of voids.

Claim 48 (Previously Presented) The material of claim 47 wherein the
outermost layer and the layer including the fiberglass material are generally of
equal thickness.

Claim 49 (Previously Presented): A vibration absorbing material comprising:
an inner layer formed by an elastomer;
a layer including a fiberglass material therein and that is disposed on the
inner layer, the fiberglass material comprising a plurality of individual strips of

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fiberglass of generally equal sizes, wherein the fiberglass material distributes vibration to facilitate vibration dampening, the plurality of individual fiberglass strips being generally parallel to each other;

an outermost layer that is disposed on the layer including the fiberglass material and is substantially free of voids therein.

Claim 50 (Previously Presented) The material of claim 49 wherein the outermost layer and the elastomeric layer are generally of equal thickness.

Claims 51 and 52 (Cancelled).

Claim 53 (Currently Amended): The grip cover of claim 52, A vibration absorbing material, comprising:
an inner layer formed by an elastomer;
a layer which includes a high tensile strength fibrous material therein and
that is disposed on the inner layer, wherein the high tensile strength fibrous
material distributes vibration to facilitate vibration dampening;
an outermost layer that is disposed on the layer including the high tensile
strength fibrous material, the outermost layer being formed by an elastomer,
wherein at least one of the inner and outermost layers is substantially free of voids,

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wherein the high tensile strength fibrous material forms an imperforate sheet that is disposed within the layer.

Claim 54 (Currently Amended): The grip cover of claim 52 A vibration absorbing material, comprising:

an inner layer formed by an elastomer;
a layer which includes a high tensile strength fibrous material therein and
that is disposed on the inner layer, wherein the high tensile strength fibrous
material distributes vibration to facilitate vibration dampening;
an outermost layer that is disposed on the layer including the high tensile
strength fibrous material, the outermost layer being formed by an elastomer,
wherein at least one of the inner and outermost layers is substantially free of voids,
wherein the high tensile strength fibrous material forms a plurality of individual strips that are substantially parallel to each other, the plurality of individual strips are disposed within the layer.

Claim 55 (Previously Presented) The grip cover of claim 54, wherein the plurality of individual strips are generally equally sized.

Claim 56 (Cancelled).

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Claim 57 (Currently Amended): The cover of claim 52 A vibration absorbing material, comprising:
an inner layer formed by an elastomer;
a layer which includes a high tensile strength fibrous material therein and
that is disposed on the inner layer, wherein the high tensile strength fibrous
material distributes vibration to facilitate vibration dampening;
an outermost layer that is disposed on the layer including the high tensile
strength fibrous material, the outermost layer being formed by an elastomer,
wherein at least one of the inner and outermost layers is substantially free of voids,
wherein the high tensile strength fibrous material forms a plurality of individual
strips of different sizes that are substantially parallel to each other, the plurality of
individual strips are disposed within the layer.